

**6512. Adulteration and misbranding of vinegar. U. S. \* \* \* v. 10 Barrels \* \* \* of Alleged Cider Vinegar. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and sale.** (F. & D. No. 8809. I. S. No. 8153-p. S. No. C-825.)

On February 21, 1918, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 10 barrels, each containing 6 dozen pint bottles of alleged cider vinegar, remaining unsold in the original, unbroken packages at Muskogee, Okla., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about January 18, 1918, by the Chicago Chemical Works, Chicago, Ill., and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Oklahoma, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Navy Brand Pure Cider Vinegar \* \* \* Chicago Chemical Works, Chicago, Illinois."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that distilled vinegar or added dilute acetic acid had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for cider vinegar, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that it was an imitation of, and was offered for sale under the distinctive name of, another article, to wit, cider vinegar, and for the further reason that it was labeled and branded so as to mislead and deceive the purchaser thereof.

On June 22, 1918, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be sold by the United States marshal after first properly labeling and branding.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*